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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SOUTH ASIAN CATASTROPHE

1. SUMMARY: THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE ASIAN TSUNAMI, THE ELECTIONS IN IRAQ AND PALESTINE, AND SUDANESE PEACE AGREEMENT DOMINATED COVERAGE IN LOCAL ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA THIS WEEK. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL KHALEEJ" STATED THAT THE WORLD SHOULD FOCUS ON SPENDING MONEY ON HUMANITARIAN AID INSTEAD OF WARS. "AL ITTIHAD" NOTED THAT SIGNING THE PEACE AGREEMENT WILL USHER IN A NEW ERA OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY FOR SUDAN. AN EDITORIAL IN "AL BAYAN" NOTED THAT THE ISRAELI ATTACK AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR WAS AN INDICATOR OF THE DIRECTION ITS POLICY WOULD HEAD IN 2005. END SUMMARY.

2. NOTING THAT THE SOUTH ASIAN CATASTROPHE SHOULD LEAD THE WORLD TO SPEND MONEY ON HUMANITARIAN AID RATHER THAN WARS, "AL KHALEEJ" EDITORIALIZED 01/03: (ARABIC DAILY, SHARJAH-BASED, SEMI-OFFICIAL, CIRCULATION 85,000)

". IT IS TIME FOR THE MONEY SPENT ON WARS AND CONSEQUENCES OF WARS TO BE SPENT IN AN AREA THAT IS MORE HUMANE; ESPECIALLY SINCE NO ONE IS SAFE FROM THE SOUTH EAST ASIA CRISIS. THE U.S. IN PARTICULAR, AND THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN GENERAL, ARE REQUESTED TO RECONCILE THEIR POLICIES WITH THE NEEDS OF HUMANITY IN ORDER TO PREVENT THIS TYPE OF NATURAL OR MAN-MADE DESTRUCTION. RECONCILIATION WITH HUMANITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN BEING ITS ENEMY BECAUSE IT WILL LEAD TO PROTECTING THE UNIVERSE FROM MORE

DISASTERS. WILL THE BIG GUYS DO THAT?"

¶3. UNDER THE HEADLINE "A NEW ERA IN SUDAN," "AL ITTIHAD" EDITORIALIZED 01/02: (ARABIC DAILY, ABU DHABI-BASED, SEMI-OFFICIAL, CIRCULATION 85,000)

"AFTER SIGNING THE PEACE AGREEMENT CEASE FIRE IN NEEFASHA, SUDAN IS NOW TAKING ITS FIRST STEP INTO A NEW ERA WITH ALL OF THE PROMISE THAT THIS PHASE WILL HOLD FOR THE SUDANESE PEOPLE AFTER DECADES OF PAIN, BLOOD, AND DESTRUCTION."

¶4. COMMENTING ON ISRAELI ACTS THE FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR, "AL BAYAN" EDITORIALIZED 01/02: (ARABIC DAILY, DUBAI-BASED BUSINESS-ORIENTED, CIRCULATION 40,000)

". WHAT THE CRIMINALS OF WAR, THE ZIONISTS, ARE DOING SENDS A MESSAGE TO THE WHOLE WORLD SIGNALING THEIR POLICY FOR THE NEW YEAR. IF THE ISRAELIS HAD GOOD INTENTIONS, AND THEY REALLY WANTED PEACE, THEY WOULD HAVE STOPPED THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST THE PALESTINIANS, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. BUT INSTEAD THEY COMMITTED THIS WAR CRIME ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR WITH NO REASON, EXCEPT TO SEND AN AGGRESSIVE MESSAGE TO THOSE THRIVING FOR PEACE.SO ISRAEL ANNOUNCED ITS POLICY FOR THE YEAR, A POLICY AFFIRMING THAT ACHIEVING PEACE IS STILL AN ILLUSION."
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